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EXAMINING GROUP 1723**

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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AIMAR et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1723
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Application No.: 10/021,498)	Examiner: K. Menon
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed September 11, 2003, the period for response having been extended to February 11, 2004 by a request for extension of two months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

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